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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (HRC) -- RESOLUTION ON CSCE

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1. IN ACCORDANCE REFTTEL, POLCOUNS ON FEBRUARY 25 BROUGHT
US CONCERN OVER SOVIET AND YUGOSLAV/CUBAN DRAFT RESOLUTIONS
TO ATTENTION OF HEAD MFA EAST AND SOUTHEAST EUROPE SECTION,
MINISTER TARTER, WHO SAID HE WOULD ALSO BRING US VIEWS TO
ATTENTION OF HEAD MFA SECTION ON CSCE, MINISTER LIEDERMANN.
EMBOFF FOLLOWED UP SAME AFTERNOON WITH DETAILED DISCUSSION
(BASED ON TEXT OF YUGOSLAV/CUBAN RESOLUTION THEN IN HAND)
WITH MINISTER RUDOFISKY, WHO IS IN CHARGE POLITICAL
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AFFAIRS IN MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SECTION,

AND LIEDERMANN'S DEPUTY FOR CSCE, BAUER. ON BASIS
LATTER, THREE-WAY DISCUSSION, IT WAS CLEAR MFA CSCE
SECTION IS FIRMLY OPPOSED TO ACTION ANYWHERE, INCLUDING
IN HRC, THAT WOULD HAVE EFFECT OF REDEFINING OR WATERING-
DOWN DEFINITION OF HUMAN RIGHTS SECURED WITH SUCH
DIFFICULTY IN CSCE; HOWEVER, THIS VIEW WILL BE WEIGHED
AGAINST GOA'S "UN INTERESTS," AND AUSTRIANS WILL BE
LOATHE IN HRC TO ANTAGONIZE NON-ALIGNED BY VOTING
AGAINST, RATHER THAN OBSTAINING, ON YUGOSLAV/CUBAN
RESOLUTION IF THAT RESOLUTION SEEMS ASSURED OF ADOPTION
ANYWAY. POSITIONS OF OTHER WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WILL
ALSO WEIGH HEAVILY ON AUSTRIAN DECISION.

2. EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT ACQUIESCENCE OF AUSTRIANS
OR OTHER WEST EUROPEANS IN THIS EFFORT OF SOVIETS TO
REDEFINE HUMAN RIGHTS AS SO RECENTLY AND PAINSTAKINGLY
AGREED UPON IN CSCE COULD NOT BUT HAVE SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS
BOTH FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF CSCE FINAL ACT AND FOR
FURTHER SOVIET BEHAVIOR IN ANALOGOUS CONTEXTS. BOTH
RUDOFISKY AND BAUER AGTEED THAT THIS ASPECT OF CURRENT
SITUATION IN HRC MADE IT DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF OTHER
UN-RELATED RESOLUTIONS UPON WHICH AUSTRIA HAD
ABSTAINED. THEY SAID THEY WOULD TAKE MATTER UP
IMMEDIATELY WITH TOP MFA OFFICIALS, WHOSE CONSIDERATION
WOULD BE REQUIRED.BUCHANAN

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